by Drs. A. Simpson, F. M. Rodgers and W. Boyd, as an ordinary member of the Association, and he was unanimously elected.

Dr. T. Stewart Adair was re-elected Secretary to the Division.

Drs. A. R. Douglas and H. Devine were elected Representative Members of Council for the ensuing twelve months.

Dr. C. T. Street was unanimously appointed to fill the vacancy on the Divisional Committee caused by the retirement of Dr. Hitchcock.

The kind invitations of Dr. Dixon to hold the Autumn meeting at the Leicester Borough Asylum on Oct. 23rd, 1913, and of Dr. Edgerley to hold the Spring meeting, 1914, at the West Riding Asylum, Menston, on April 30th, 1914, were cordially accepted.

Dr. CASSIDY gave a very interesting account of the early history of the Lancaster County Asylum. Approaching completion in 1815 for about 150 patients, in 1824 the number had risen to 250, and in 1913 to 2,450. He described various methods of treatment which were in vogue in the early days of the Asylum, such as the warm room and the whirligig chair, and the means of restraining patients by fastening them to the wall, etc. A humorous reference was made to the way in which all the windows in the wards were kept carefully shut, and how an attendant was reported if he left one open.

Some interesting points were mentioned in connection with the early history of the medical staff of the asylum.

An original copy of the rules for the management of the asylum published in 1815 was handed round.

The interest of the paper was much enhanced by a display of a large number of instruments of restraint used in the asylum prior to 1840.

Dr. DOUGLAS read a paper entitled "Some Suggestions respecting the Care of the Feeble-Minded under the Mental Deficiency Bill, 1913" (see p. 487). He defined the different classes of persons who are deemed to be defective within the meaning of the Act, distinguishing between idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded and moral imbeciles. He then mentioned how these cases had been dealt with up to the present time. He considered that it was by careful classification alone that we could hope to obtain any tangible result from education and training. He thought that a combination of counties forming associated areas should be able to deal with the matter, aided by those institutions already in existence. Each of these voluntary institutions might be used as a centre or filtering ground, through which all defectives in the area would pass before being drafted to the other homes or colonies.

Dr. SOUTAR, Dr. CASSIDY and others spoke on the subject.

Dr. BLAIR showed an exceptional case of catalepsy. The patient, a female, was one of three sisters, all of whom had been treated at Lancaster Asylum. She was there first from the beginning of 1906 to the end of 1908. She was admitted again in January, 1910, and for the past three years had been insensible. She gave no response or very slightly at times to stimuli, and had to be forcibly fed. At present she showed slight indications of returning sensibility.

Remarks were made by various members, and the question was suggested, What is the meaning of these cases? Is this a case of auto-hypnotism due to the domination of frightful hallucinations?

After the meeting Dr. Rows gave a short demonstration of interesting objects and processes in the Pathological Laboratory of the asylum.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Cassidy and the staff of the asylum for the trouble they had taken in making the visit so thoroughly instructive and enjoyable.

IRISH DIVISION.

THE SPRING MEETING was held at Portrane Asylum on April 24th by permission of the President.

Present: Drs. Hetherington (in the chair), Drapes, Rainsford, Benson, Green, Eustace, Redington Leeper (Hon. Sec.).

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Letters of regret for non-ability to attend were received from Drs. O'Neill, of Limerick, Graham, of Belfast, and Nolan, of Downpatrick.

The Chairman said that before the business of the meeting was proceeded with, he wished to mention that since their last gathering their old friend, Dr. Maziere Courtenay, had been removed from amongst them. The following resolution was proposed by Dr. Drapes and seconded by Dr. Adrian Greene and passed in silence, the members standing in their places: "That the members of the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association desire to record their deep regret at the death of Dr. Maziere Courtenay, late Inspector of Lunatics, who was for many years, and up the time of his death, an honoured member of the Association, and for some time its Secretary, and to express their sense of loss of one who took an unfailing interest in the welfare of the Association. The Irish Division especially wish to express their appreciation of the excellent work he did as an Inspector of Lunacy, in raising the standard of Irish asylum administration generally, and in improving the condition of asylum patients, as well as of his cordial sympathy with the superintendents and medical officers of the various asylums, who feel that by his death they have been deprived of an able coadjutor as well as of a valued friend. The Irish Division wish to convey to Mrs. Courtenay and the members of Dr. Courtenay's family the expression of their sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement."

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

A letter was read from Dr. Finnegan, formerly Hon. Sec. of the Division, tendering his resignation as member of the Division, which was accepted with regret.

The election of the Hon. Secretary and two representative members of Council for the coming year was next proceeded with. On a ballot being taken, Dr. Benson was appointed scrutineer, and the following were declared unanimously elected by the Chairman: Dr. Leeper, Hon. Secretary; Dr. J. O'C. Donelan and Dr. Adrian Greene, Representative Members of Council.

Dr. James Fitzgerald, of Cork Asylum was nominated as examiner for the Certificate by the Irish Division of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Dr. Leeper and Dr. Adrian Greene returned their best thanks to the Division for their election to their respective offices.

The following were the dates fixed for the meetings of the Division during the year: Autumn meeting, Thursday, November 6th, 1913; Spring meeting, Thursday, April 16th, 1914; Summer Meeting, Thursday, July 24th, 1914.

Many members present wished that the Summer meeting of this year should be held at Cork asylum, and it was arranged to go to Cork for the July meeting if Dr. Fitzgerald could kindly arrange for it, and it was noted with pleasure that the President would probably be able to attend.

The Hon. Secretary read communications from the Chief Secretary and from Mr. Greer, Parliamentary Draughtsman, regarding the Mental Deficiency Bill and its proposed extension to Ireland, together with the result of the deputation recently received by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, in London.

A letter was read and approved of, from Dr. Nolan, of Downpatrick Asylum, enclosing a resolution of the Committee of Downpatrick District Asylum, drawing the attention of members of Parliament to the need for the Bill's extension to Ireland.

Dr. Rainsford stated to the meeting that he had recently had an interview with Mr. Healy, K.C., who was believed to be favourable to the Bill's extension to Ireland, and gave some valuable advice in the matter.

A cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Redington for his kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members at Portrane was proposed by Dr. Rainsford and seconded by Dr. Benson and passed unanimously. This terminated the proceedings.

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